

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original): A method of producing a polarizing plate comprising a polarizer and a protective layer bonded to at least one surface of the polarizer, wherein moisture content of the polarizer is in a range from 5% to 30% when the protective layer is bonded to the polarizer.

2. (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein surface roughness of the polarizing plate in a direction perpendicular to the stretching direction is 0.04  $\mu\text{m}$  or less on the basis of the centerline average roughness.

3. (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the protective layer is bonded to the polarizer through an adhesive layer.

4. (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer is prepared by stretching a hydrophilic polymer film while dyeing the hydrophilic polymer film in a dye bath containing a dye selected from the group consisting of dichroic iodine and dichroic dyestuff and crosslinking in a crosslinking bath containing a crosslinking agent.

5. (Original): The method according to claim 4, wherein the hydrophilic polymer film is a polyvinyl alcohol-based film.

6. (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein a reflecting plate is additionally laminated.

7. (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein a semitransparent reflecting plate is additionally laminated.

8. (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein a retardation plate ( $\lambda$  plate) is

additionally laminated in order to cope with elliptically or circularly polarized light.

9. (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein a viewing angle compensating plate is additionally laminated.

10. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein a brightness enhancement film is additionally laminated through either an adhesive or a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

11. (Previously presented): A liquid crystal display comprising a liquid crystal cell and a polarizing plate bonded to at least one surface of the liquid crystal cell, wherein the polarizing plate comprises a protective layer bonded to at least one surface of a polarizer when moisture content of the polarizer is in a range from 5% to 30%.

12. (Currently amended): The liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein surface roughness of the polarizing plate in a direction perpendicular to the stretching direction is 0.04  $\mu\text{m}$  or less on the basis of the centerline average roughness.

13. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein the protective layer is bonded to the polarizer through an adhesive layer.

14. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein the polarizer is prepared by stretching a hydrophilic polymer film while dyeing the hydrophilic polymer film in a dye bath containing a dye selected from the group consisting of dichroic iodine and dichroic dyestuff and crosslinking in a crosslinking bath containing a crosslinking agent.

15. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 14, wherein the hydrophilic polymer film is a polyvinyl alcohol-based film.

16. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein a reflecting plate is additionally laminated.

17. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein a semitransparent reflecting plate is additionally laminated.

18. (Currently amended): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein a retardation plate ( $[[[1]] \lambda$  plate) is additionally laminated in order to cope with elliptically or circularly polarized light.

19. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein a viewing angle compensating plate is additionally laminated.

20. (Currently amended): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein a ~~brightness-enhanced~~ brightness enhancement film is additionally laminated through either an adhesive or a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

21. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein surface roughness of the polarizing plate in a direction perpendicular to the stretching direction is  $0.03 \mu\text{m}$  or less on the basis of the centerline average roughness.

22. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein surface roughness of the polarizing plate in a direction perpendicular to the stretching direction is  $0.03 \mu\text{m}$  or less on the basis of the centerline average roughness.

23. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein surface roughness of the polarizing plate in a direction perpendicular to the stretching direction is  $0.03 \mu\text{m}$  or less on the basis of the centerline average roughness.

24. (Previously presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein surface roughness of the polarizing plate in a direction perpendicular to the stretching direction is  $0.01 \mu\text{m}$  or less on the basis of the centerline average roughness.